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Re: Microsoft settlement

I would like to express my opinion concerning the settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft. Microsoft was ruled guilty of being an illegal monopoly by nine Judges. In the settlement agreement, I see nothing to punish them for their past acts. They have benefitted financially and by market share. The remedies need to address these issues.

They are now a company worth hundreds of billions of dollars, some of which are ill-gotten gains. A monetary penalty of at least 25 to 50 billion dollars would be in order.

Their market share on the desktop computer is 90+ percent. Steps must be taken to remedy this. A goal of 66 percent (2/3) or lower must be achieved. To even the playing field, all non-operationg system software made by Microsoft must be available to run on all other platforms. Since MS is discontinuing all non-Windows XP versions, these all need to be released to the public domain. The licensing needs to be changed to General Public License and all source code supplied. Thank you.

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